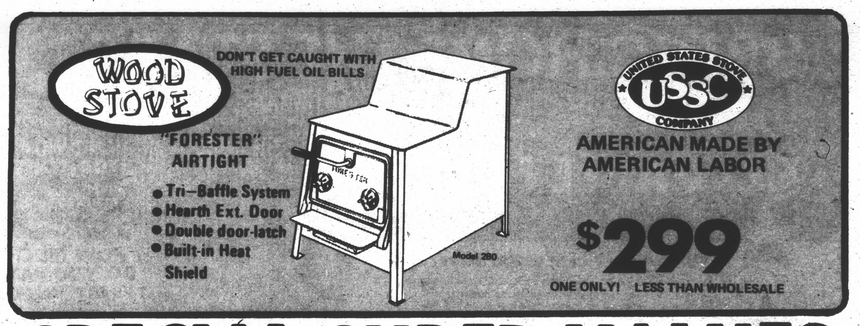

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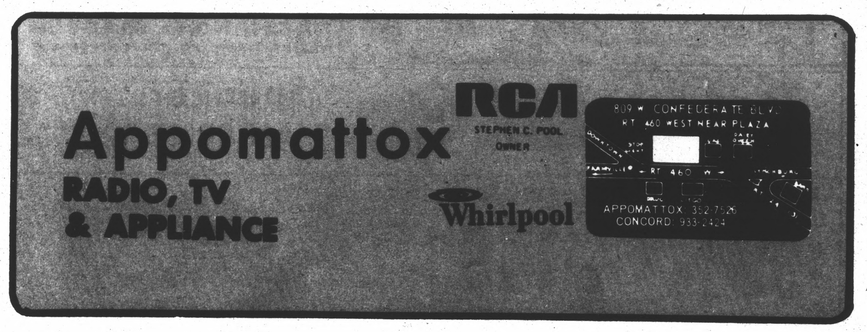

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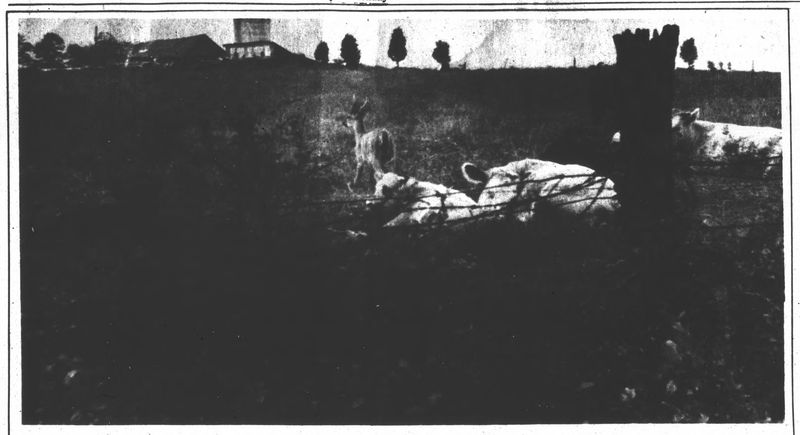

Mistaken Identity? **THIS YOUNG BUCK, spotted just outside of town recently, apparently thinks he is a cow, as he was grazing and resting with the cattle in this local field. The deer, which expressed only moderate concern at the presense of a photographer nearby, seemed to get along just fine with his bovine friends. With deer season rapidly approaching, however, the animal will no doubt learn the difference between deer and cattle and make himself scarce when local hunters venture forth into the woods and fields in search of venison. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)**

Shirley Torrence cited statewide

Shirley G. Torrence, Appomattox, secretary in the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service for 26 years, was named the outstanding individual on the clerical staff in the East Central District.

Currently, secretary to the members of the staff in the district office at Appomattox, she was presented a certificate during the annual secretaries conference held at the Lynchburg Inn, Thursday, Oct. 15.

The award is a newly established honor from the Virginia chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, national Extension honorary organization. It is designed to recognize the top members of the clerical staff. This is the first year it is being presented. One will be presented in each of the Extension Districts in the state.

East Central District includes the counties of Albemarle, Amelia, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Cumberland, Fluvanna, Greene, Halifax, Louisa, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottaway, Prince Edward and the cities of Bedford, Charlottesville and Lynchburg.

Mrs. Torrence, who has worked with Extension for 26 years, received the certificate from Ethel L. Johnson, district director of Epsilon Sigma Phi and Halifax County agent. Mrs. Johnson is an Extension agent in Halifax County.

Mrs. Torrence began her career in Buckingham County and transferred to the District office in 1955. A charter member and first president of the East Central District Extension Secretaries Association, she is highly respected by her peers who look to her for leadership. Her advice is sought by the secretaries on job responsibilities because of her exceptional knowledge of the processes of Extension, said Mrs. Johnson. She also assists other secretaries by serving as an instructor in some secretarial training programs.

"Several years ago when the development of a uniform unit filing system was taking place, her advice was sought on the state level," said Mrs. Johnson. "When the filing system plan was completed, she assisted in training representatives from each unit to establish and use the filing system."

Her aid to the agents was described in her nomination for the honor.

"She greets the public well and communicates with them in a relaxed atmosphere," the nomination read. Mrs. Torrence also has the ability to understand and explain regulations, statements of policy procedures and budgets.

Her aid to the persons she works with in the general public is characterized by a thorough knowledge of her job and the purpose of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service.

David Blanks wins contest

David Blanks of Spout Spring won last week's football contest, accurately predicting the outcomes of all but two of the 23 games listed in the contest.

Blanks missed accurately predicting the outcomes of the Wake Forest vs. Maryland game, and the VMI vs. Appalachian State game.

Dennis Drinkard emerged as the second-place winner in the competition, after a four-way tiebreaker.

Drinkard, along with Doug Marshall, Rusty Cook, and Sally Coleman, all missed accurately predicting the outcomes of but three of the 23 contest games.

However, Drinkard's predictions of the exact scores of the Appomattox-Jefferson Forest game and the VPI-West Virginia game were closer in point spread than any of the other's even though Marshall predicted the exact score of the Appomattox Jefferson Forest game.

The football contest features a special $10 award to the first or second place finisher if he or she predicts the exact score of the Appomattox varsity game.

Blanks will receive a check for $10 from the **Times-Virginian**, and a free chicken dinner from the Chicken Palace for his winning efforts.

Drinkard will receive a check for $10 and a free chicken dinner from the Chicken Palace for his efforts in the contest.

The football contest continues this week, with full details on rules and prizes of the game on the contest page, page B-4.

Tax tickets mailed

Tax tickets for 1981 have all been mailed out, according to Mrs. Ida Campbell, Appomattox County Treasurer.

Anyone who did not receive a tax ticket is asked to call 352-5200 or come by the Appomattox County Treasurer's office.

The deadline for paying taxes is Dec. 5, 1981. Ten percent penalty and ten percent interest will be added Dec. 6.

Taxpayers are asked to please pay early to avoid crowds and additional costs.

The Treasurer's office will be open Nov. 28 and Dec. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

From several sources, backed by my own observation, the question arises, Where Are the Birds? One friend listed the birds usually around his premises, but hardly any now. Have they gone South, expecting a hard Winter?

October 28 is Do A Good Deed Day, so proclaimed by a veteran waiter I met years ago in a Fredericksburg restaurant. I have written about it several times but it is too good an idea to let gather dust.

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Thanks for a couple of newspapers from the Dominican Republic. Language problem but I looked 'em over anyway.

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"Sugar" can sing. So what? Well, "Sugar" is a small black and white Terrier dog owned by Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Cawthorne. Came to see us one day last week and demonstrated his ability to hum the musical scale. Four years old and eats "people food," even spaghetti.

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Glad to receive a letter from my friend, William Hunter Simms, of Toledo, Ohio. Has been a regular reader of this column for twenty years.

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Note pad item: A group will leave at 5 a.m. one day this week for a trip to Nashville, Tennessee and attend a performance of The Grand Old Opry and hopefully hear Minnie Pearl and other star performers. Leave by bus from Rocks Church.

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The maple leaf is an emblem of Canada and a maple tree in my yard is shedding leaves like it's publicity agent for the Expos.

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Monday morning item: Appomattox fire alarm sounded three times before noon. We could hardly make it without the services of volunteer firemen and Rescue Squad members. Ever thank them?

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Football tops the sports news these days. Just occurred to me that a touchdown got its name from a rule that you score by touching the ball down to the ground behind the other team's goal line. Must have changed any such rule because seldom see it done that way. Ah yes, the ACHS Raiders are doing okeh and the college and pro games are making fans happy or sad depending on your favorite. Slippery Rock 39, Edinboro 6. Correction: football is sharing the sports headlines with baseball. Glad to have teams from Canada in pro baseball, but too chilly there for league championship or world series games. Atlanta, Miami or Appomattox would be more comfortable. Although this morning's weather forecast calls for ice, and not out of the refrigerator.

Are you keeping up with your reading? Over the week-end I read Henrik Ibsen's A Doll's House." Excellent and timeless.

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Over on Martha Street we could use a nice soaking rain. How about you? Some areas, such as parts of Texas, report flooding rains. That's the way it goes.

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Had a pleasant talk about baseball with an expert on the subject, Crawford Davidson.

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Thanks for reading and seeya around.

County recreation committee to meet

The Appomattox County Recreation Committee will hold an open public meeting at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 27, 1981, in the Appomattox Town Office. This first meeting will review the progress of last year's work and set the business for this year.

The Recreation Committee meetings will have three goals this year. The first will be publishing a survey questionaire in the **Times-Virginian** for the purpose of obtaining feedback about what the citizens want in the way of recreational facilities. These results will be compiled and printed for the citizens later.

The second phase will be finding a site that is adequate to meet the needs of the facilities wanted, and the third goal will be, with the approval of the Board of Supervisors, actually getting started on the facility.

The Committee, headed by Mrs. Peggy Lawson, is composed of interested county citizens who are concerned with evaluating the recreational facilities already available in the county and targeting new areas to develop for the future.

The Recreation Committee has been holding a series of meetings for the past year. One of the major concerns the committee investigated during this time was the area of funding possibilities.

State funding would be available through the Commission of Outdoor Recreation (COR) by way of a grant. There are both advantages and disadvantages tied to the acceptance of state grants: The park would have to be entirely for outdoor recreation, it must be at the very minimum of 20 acres in size, and every phase of the planning must be approved by COR; on the other hand, COR would provide planners and architects for the project.

The Committee also discussed an alternative method of providing a recreational facility which would involve all areas of the county coordinating resources. In this way businesses, civic organizations and citizens could decide exactly what the county needs in facilities and tailor them specifically for Appomattox.

Armed with this fical information, the Committee visited some recreational facilities in the nearby localities of Altavista, Buckingham County, the Toga Community Center, and Brookneal. Half of these facilities were publicly funded, while the other half was funded privately. The areas receiving outside grants stated they could not have provided the money for their facilities any other way and they were more please than displeased with the results.

On the other hand, the communities that received all their aid from within were very please and not only did they have facilities they were proud of, they also had a community spirit of goodwill and cooperation from working together to accomplish something for the entire community.

The Appomattox Recreation Committee is now ready to get started on plans for a facility that reflects its needs as a community. If you have any ideas, please attend the meeting October 27, 1981.

Men's Phys Ed

Adult classes set

An adult education class for men interested in physical education will start Monday night, October 26, in the gymnasium of the Appomattox County High School.

Classes will meet each Monday and Thursday nights from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The class is being taught by Gordon Bragg, physcial education instructor at ACHS. A tuition fee of $10.00 will be charged to each participant. Pre-registration has completed the groups scheduled from 7:00 - 8:00 and enrollment is still continuing for the two groups from 8:00 - 9:00. Persons desiring to participate should contact Gordon Bragg or R. B. Carter immediately. Enrollment will be limited to approximately sixty persons.

Persons who desire further information may call the adult education coordinator, R. B. Carter, at 352-8253.

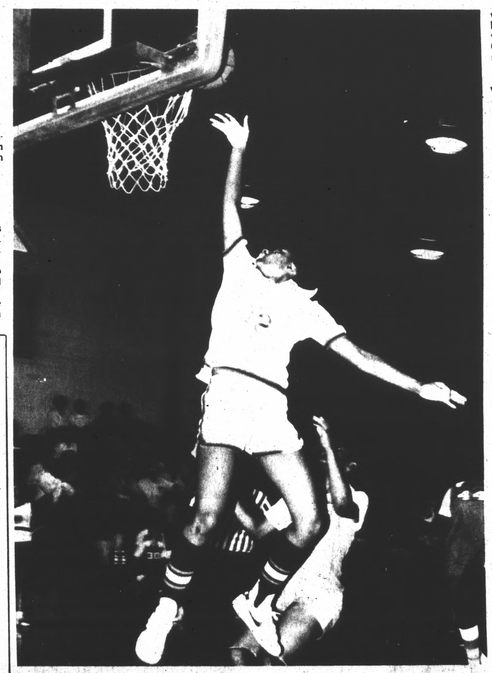
Lions Club to meet

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet on Thursday, October 22 at 6:45 in the Appomattox County High School cafeteria for its 42nd Year Anniversary Charter Night and Ladies Night.

Two charter members, Dr. Clyde G. O'Brien and former congressman Watkins M. Abbitt are still active in the organization.

Woody Landers of Richmond, will entertain the group with his magic performance. He is with Westinghouse Credit Corporation as a sales representative.

Landers is presently serving his seventh year as territory vice-president of International Brotherhood of Magicians. He is a member of the Society of American Magicians and has performed for his fellow magicians.



Nearing 1000 points **RUBY SMITH, the Varsity Raiderettes' leading scorer, is fast approaching the 1,000-career-point mark in girls' basketball. Smith was only 31 points from the magic four-numeral mark as of press time Tuesday. Smith, a junior, is one of the leading scorers in the Seminole District. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)**

Coloring contest offered

It will soon be that time. You know, when the winds blow at night with an eerie sound, the leaves rustle in a frightening way and witches take to their brooms for the night.....it'll soon be Halloween. It's a special time for children and the **TIMES-VIRGINIAN** wants to make it 'extra special'.

In this week's issue of the **TIMES-VIRGINIAN** is a coloring contest. Children may enter one of five categories, preschool, kindergarten, grades one, two and three. For the first place winner in each category, the **TIMES-VIRGINIAN** will award a **$10.00** first prize and a $5.00 second prize.

As evidenced by last year's coloring contest held at the Thanksgiving season, Appomattox County is full of budding artists. So, get out your colors, you may use any kind you like, and do your best.

Contestants are asked to take the completed picture to one of the advertisers whose names appear on the page with the ad. The entries will be picked up by **TIMES-VIRGINIAN** staff members and judged by art teachers from the local school system. Entries must be completed and returned to one of the places of business no later than October 30 at 5 p.m.

The names of winners in each category will be published in the **TIMES-VIRGINIAN** for November 4.